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In re Application of  
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Application No. 09/802,932  
Filed: March 12, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. Q63527

OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
DECISION GRANTING  
PETITION

This is a decision in response to the "Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt" filed on October 15, 2001. The request will be treated in part as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53 requesting that the Office accord the above-identified application a filing date of March 12, 2001.

The petition is **granted**.

On March 12, 2001, the application was filed.

The application was written in Italian.

On April 26, 2001, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts stating in part that applicant must file an English translation of the application.

On June 13, 2001, petitioner filed an English translation of the application.

In response to the filing of the translation, the Office changed the filing date from March 12, 2001, to June 13, 2001.

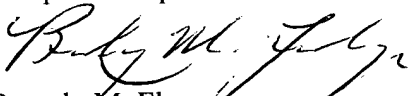
The instant petition argues the application is entitled to a filing date of March 12, 2001.

An applicant may obtain a filing date upon the filing of an application in a language other than English. Therefore, the application was entitled to a filing date of March 12, 2001, and the filing date should not have been changed to June 13, 2001.

No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The Application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of March 12, 2001, and for review of the portion of the "Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt" which states the amount of the "Fil Fee Rec'd" on the Receipt is incorrect.

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